Institutions.	*Daily average attendance in 1100.*
Mulanturuttu Dispensary	59·9
Trippunittura Dispensary	142·62
Male Dispensary, Mattancheri	130·6
Narakkal Dispensary	248·8
Ayyampilli Dispensary	129·24
Cranganur Dispensary	189·46
Kattur Dispensary	38·22
Antikkad Dispensary	58·21
Palayannur Dispensary	41·73
Kolinjampara Dispensary	32·86
Palace Dispensary, Trippunittura	31·44
Kandakkadavu Dispensary	71·31
Mala Dispensary	79·48
Chowwara Dispensary	88·72
Malayattur Dispensary	106·56
Kuriarkutti Dispensary	10·46
Pudukkad Dispensary	82·42
Vadakkancheri Dispensary	79·42
Nanniode Dispensary	41·73
Ophthalmic Dispensary, Ernakulam	51·84

422. Mr. George Chakyamuri .—If the answer to sub-division (2) of question above be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether it has ascertained the reasons for the same, particularly, with reference to the fact that it is located in one of the most thickly populated villages in the State ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is not in the negative. Government consider that attendance will improve when greater facilities for communication are afforded.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Am I to understand that the Hospital at present is situated in a place which is easily accessible to the people ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is really considerable inconvenience for the access of the people to this Dispensary. The main communication there is the Chellanam Canal, and there are other cross canals also. During the agricultural season, the canals are bunded, and people are put to serious inconvenience to get to this place. I have received complaints about this trouble of the canal being bunded and its barring of agricultural operations.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Can we shift this Dispensary to a place which is more accessible to the people?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No. It is central in the area served by the Dispensary.

Mr. George Chakyamuri, If the bunds are not put up at the proper time, will not the cultivation be spoiled ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese. The bunding up of the canal raises the water level in the canal. in consequence of which, during the hot season, water in the wells and tanks get brackish. One difficulty in this place is want of proper communication, and the lack of good water for drinking purposes during the summer months. This is all due to the bunding up and to the raising of the water level in the canal. I think some attention will have to be devoted to this.

President.—By whom are these bunds put up?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They are put up by the people of the locality, and all these private bunds are made of earth.

President.—That is another trouble, and there are other causes too. If we go right up, there is the eastern foreshore. First of all, there is the cross bund. It is a separate block. Then there is Kandakkadavu which is another block. Then there are the bund canals coming from east and west. Are these canals bunded?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Even those canals are bunded. There is a big bund there, and we have to take the boat over the bund. That is why I ask the Government again to devote their attention to remedy the difficulties which exist at present, as it is not easily possible to get to that place either by walking or by boat.

President.—But can they get on without bunds?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I think the process of bunding up is adopted to prevent salt water getting into the lands.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—A lot of mischief is done by some of the tenants, and this adds to the trouble.

President.—I have inspected all those places, and I know the difficulties which exist at present.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The Hospital is situated in my native place. Do not think that I am clannish about my own place. I am relating the real facts.

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President.—Suppose it is located at Kumbalanghi, will it then be accessible to the public ?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Even then there will be a lot of trouble, and people from the other places may not be able to use it, as they will find it difficult. My point is that a greater proportion of the people should be able to use it, and it is in such a place that the Hospital should be located.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Dispensary was originally started by receiving contributions from the people of Kandakkadavu and Andikkadavu for locating it there.

President.—I think the principal villages there are Chellanam and Kumbalanghi.

Diwan Bahadar Dr. V. Verghese.—Even, if the Dispensary is shifted to Kumbalanghi, there will be the same difficulty. The people will have to cross the bunds, as Kumbalanghi is separated from the mainland.

President.—Is there scope for a dispensary at Kumbalanghi ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Kumbalanghi has a population of nearly 25,000 people.

President.—Suppose we establish an Ayurvedic Dispensary there?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—But the people have no confidence in it.

President.—You please bring up this question on some other occasion. We shall proceed.

423. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—If the Government has ascertained the reasons, will the Government be pleased to state whether the present locality of the Dispensary has anything to do in the matter, and if so, will the Government be pleased to further state whether the Government will be pleased to take immediate action in the matter of shifting it to a more central place in the village ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Government consider that the present location of the Dispensary is central for the area served by the Dispensary.

The appointment of Dr. T. Verghese in the General Hospital.

424. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

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